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NO 9



OUR OPENING DISPLAY  
—of—  
SPRING MILLINERY  
will be held

Saturday, March 18th

There are so many pretty  
fashions that you will be sure  
to find a style just to  
your liking.

MRS. S. C. WATTS

## Pure Milk— Better Babies

The modern mother and house-wife realizes that one of the most important items of the daily food supply is milk, and also that it is the most prolific of disease.

The most scrupulous care, the most immaculate cleanliness and intelligent effort are necessary for the successful operation of a dairy; but all these are unavailing if the source is infected. And so subtle is the action of disease in cattle, that frequently only scientific tests will disclose its presence.

The women of Farmington, therefore, have been greatly pleased at the announcement of the coming of Dr. Lucky, State Inspector of Cattle, who it is said, will inspect the herds of our local dairies. There can be no question as to the necessity for this inspection, and the club women have united their efforts to further the cause of Better Babies and Public Health, by encouraging the interest and co-operation of the owners of these herds.

As the hot days come, an assured pure milk supply will add a sense of peace and security which the mothers of our community have not known in former years.

Signed: MONDAY CLUB, FORT-NIGHTLY, U. D. C., D. A. R., W. C. T. U.

In our campaign for Better Babies the first thing to consider is the food of the infant. We are told that for the first six or nine months the baby should have nothing but milk, and until the child is three years old, milk should constitute a large part of its diet.

It is, therefore, of the utmost importance to the community, no less than to the family, that the milk supply should be unquestionable. Von Behring and other world-authorities state that consumption in grown people starts as glandular tuberculosis in childhood. This is traced directly to the milk of tubercular cows sold by dairymen, who say they did not know their cows were diseased. There is no excuse for ignorance, as it has been printed and re-printed until it is

a matter of common information, that a diseased cow WILL infect the children to whom the milk is fed. Let us, as a community, take a stand in this matter and see that in our work for Better Babies we have a milk supply that is unimpeachable.

## Babes in Fairyland

The presentation of the above play drew a crowded house to the Monarch Theatre Friday evening, and that everyone present was thoroughly satisfied and pleased with the manner in which the delightful performance was presented was abundantly testified throughout the whole program. The "Babes" proved their ability to delight an audience with the splendid rendition of the many characters, all of which were so admirably taken, thus showing that they are true descendants of their sires.

There were about fifty little ones in the presentation, ranging from wee tots to children of ten years of age, and the manner in which all of them performed their parts was practically perfect. It not only indicated most careful and painstaking training of the little performers, but unusual natural ability as well. The members of the Ladies' Aid of the Christian Church, who had charge of the performance, are also entitled to much praise for the excellent training, discerning selection, and splendid staging of the play, which presented the "Babes" in this highly pleasing operetta.

Each performer is entitled to personal mention for the manner in which the whole performed their part, but space will not permit of such detail, so The Times must conclude its mention with the statement that we do not believe it possible for any "Bunch of Babies" to present a more pleasing performance than was that of "Babes in Fairyland" at the Monarch last Friday evening.

## LICENSED TO MARRY

March 9, John B. Missey and Miss Josephine Freeman of Desloge.

11th, Wm. Soden and Miss May Veletto of Bonne Terre.

15th, Lattie Goggins of Elvins and Miss Lena Thompson of Desloge.

## EXPERT OPINION ON SEWER FOR THIS CITY

Dr. Hemenway Says Farmington is  
Ideally Situated as to Sanitation,  
But That There is Urgent Need  
of Underground Sewerage

We have had something to say recently of the necessity and desirability of a sewerage system for Farmington, and we have greatly enjoyed a talk this week along this line of thought with one who is eminently equipped to give a scientific opinion. We have had in our midst the past week Dr. Henry B. Hemenway of Evansville, Ill. The Doctor came here to see his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hemenway Shaw, who, while the guest of Mrs. Frank Weber, was unfortunately taken sick.

Dr. Hemenway is a distinguished member of the American Public Health Association and a number of other societies having to do with the science of health. He has made a life-long study of this science and has had extensive experience in sanitary inspection at Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he was a member of the State Board of Health, and at other places. He is a recognized authority on sanitation and other phases of the science of health. His book, "The Legal Principle of Public Health Administration," is the principal legal authority on such matters and has high government recognition. "The Essentials of Veterinary Law," is another of his works that is classed among the standard authorities, and another book of his, "American Public Health Protection," is just off the press.

In talking with us on the subject of sanitation, Dr. Hemenway said that "Farmington is naturally an ideal place from a sanitary point of view. It can easily be made more attractive," said he, "so that St. Louis people will be drawn here on account of the health of the location as well as its beauty."

"Farmington has a fine water supply," said he, "which should never cause any problem in health to confront us, being apparently inexhaustible and free from possible contamination. It should be matched by a suitable sewerage system, especially for the center of the town. Open ditches are an offense, and are sure to breed mosquitoes. We know now that malaria can only be contracted as the result of the bite of an infected anopheles mosquito. Typhoid fever, in a town like this, is chiefly spread by flies, which carry the germs from privies or open sewers to articles of food."

"The problems of sewerage for Farmington," remarked the Doctor, "should not be difficult, and the general plans should be made for the entire city before any sewers are laid, so that the work may be permanent and systematically carried on. While cess pools in large lots may not be sources of danger, in the more thickly settled sections they should not be permitted."

Taking up another line of thought, Dr. Hemenway said that "as a matter of economy medical inspection of school children should be established, and accurate records kept of such inspection. The general inspection, however," said he, "need not be made by physicians in general practice, but the school should have a competent graduate nurse to make such examinations, referring special cases to the family physician."

We were much interested and highly enjoyed our talks with Dr. Hemenway, whose social qualities are as agreeable as his conversation is entertaining and instructive. He and his daughter, Mrs. Shaw, who we are pleased to know has recovered from her indisposition, leave for their home in Illinois today.

## Adds \$15,000,000 to Miners Wages

After a debate lasting nearly six hours, the interstate joint conference of miners and operators from the soft-coal fields of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, representing nearly 200,000 mine workers, today adopted the new wage contract agreed upon by the subcommittee of employers and employees.

The agreement will increase the income of the mine workers in those States about \$15,000,000 during the two-year period the contract is to run.

## Mine Disaster

A premature explosion in the Federal mines at Flat River early Sunday morning killed a machine man named Beasley, fatally wounding another machine man, named Dick Newman, who died before medical aid reached him, and severely wounding three shovellers, all of whom are yet living, though frightfully maimed. The wounded men are all foreigners. Both dead men were Americans.

Dick Newman leaves a wife and several children to mourn their loss. It is such calamities as this that remind us that there is something apparently lacking in the safeguarding of the lives of miners, and yet there is a certain amount of carelessness on the part of the workers themselves, brought on largely by the sameness of their work, that allows their senses to become somewhat blunted to the dangers of their avocation. "Eternal vigilance" should be their watchword, and yet it seems impossible that some do not occasionally forget.

## CHANGE IN MAIL SERVICE

Mail that has been leaving the Farmington Post Office at 6:33 p. m., has been ordered discontinued, beginning March 17. Mail now leaves at 5:52 a. m., and all mail deposited in the Farmington Post Office up to 8:30 p. m. will go out for St. Louis in this mail.

You should paste this notice in your hat or some convenient place, for reference.

## "Blowing" Well Foretells Storms

C. V. Seger of near Blackwell, one of the county's well-known and most substantial citizens, was a caller at The Times office Tuesday and had his name enrolled among The Times' readers. In the course of conversation we discovered that Mr. Seger has a phenomenal well on his place. In appearance it is like the ordinary wells to be found on so many farms, though a little deeper than the average, being about 130 feet deep. But this well is a regular weather barometer and foretells a storm with perfect accuracy. He calls it a "blowing" well from the fact that at times it emits a blowing sound like wind passing through a tunnel, and this blowing sound is the sure prelude of a storm of rain, snow or wind. Sometimes the "blowing" will continue for a couple of days, and a two-days' storm is sure to follow. When he left home last Monday it was a beautiful, bright, balmy day, and his wife told him that he better get back before Tuesday night, for the well was "blowing" and there would be a storm. He was here Tuesday afternoon, and sure enough the storm was on, cold, disagreeable and snowy. Who can account for this phenomenon?

## Eleven New Ones

The following new subscribers have been added to The Times list the past week: O. W. Black, W. F. Wilson and W. C. Robinson of Farmington; N. A. Kinkead, Route 1, Farmington; Mary Robinson, Chas. Fortner, Ed. Culton and Mrs. J. Nickles, of Elvins; C. V. Seger of Blackwell; W. T. Newby of Bonne Terre Route 1, Mrs. Geo. Parkin of Flat River.

The following have renewed for one or more years: Geo. J. Goeltz, of Bismarck; W. P. Sebastian of Austin, Texas; Lawrence O. Wells and Mrs. J. W. Doss of Farmington; W. S. Davis of Blackwell; Isaiah McDaniel of Flat River; E. D. Turley of Coffman, Mo.; Wm. Day of Leadwood, and D. M. Lewis of Knob Lick.

Sheriff J. C. Williams sold the past week his half interest in the McCormick building to E. M. Lankman for \$2,500.

## INDORSE PRESIDENT WILSON'S WISE POLICIES

County Democratic Convention Elects  
Delegates—Indorse Candidacies of  
Hensley, Marbury and Bradley

The Democrats of St. Francois County assembled in delegated convention, pursuant to call of the County Democratic Committee, at the Court House in Farmington, at one o'clock p. m., Tuesday, March 14, 1916.

The convention was called to order and on motion J. H. Malugen of Bonne Terre was elected Chairman and C. E. Marshall of Flat River Secretary.

The Chair on motion of the convention appointed committees on credentials and resolutions. After the report of the committee on credentials was submitted and approved, the following list of names was presented to the convention and nominated for delegates to the State Convention to meet at St. Joseph next Tuesday:

Charles R. Pratt, Flat River.  
Parkhurst Sleeth, Flat River.  
George K. Williams, Farmington.  
George Goeltz, Bismarck.  
W. B. Rariden, Farmington.  
W. T. O'Neal, Franklay.  
W. J. Layne, Elvins.  
M. P. Cayce, Farmington.  
R. C. Detchmoudy, Flat River.  
L. L. Page, Bonne Terre.  
Peter A. Benham, Bonne Terre.

On motion the list as presented was elected without contest.

Resolutions.  
The committee on resolutions reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we, the Democrats of St. Francois County, in delegated convention assembled, do hereby most heartily indorse the administration of our National affairs under the able and courageous leadership of our President, the Hon. Woodrow Wilson, scholar, patriot, statesman, a representative of the highest type of American ideals and citizenship, and a man who by his wisdom, counsel and official acts has endeared himself in the hearts of his countrymen.

2. That we indorse the wise and economical administration of our State affairs under Democratic leadership.

3. That we most heartily indorse the record of the Hon. W. L. Hens-

ley in Congress; that we recognize him as one of the strongest men in that body today; that we commend him for his consistent stand on all matters which came before that body; and that we indorse him without reservation for re-nomination and re-election to Congress.

4. That we indorse the candidacy of Hon. B. H. Marbury for the nomination to the office of Attorney General.

5. That we indorse the candidacy of the Hon. John L. Bradley for the nomination to the office of State Auditor.

6. That we indorse the candidacy of Hon. Charles R. Pratt as a delegate from this (the 13th) Congressional District, to the National Democratic Convention to be held in the City of St. Louis.

7. That we indorse the entire record of Edward F. Goltra as National Committeeman from Missouri.

8. That the delegates elected from St. Francois County to the State Democratic Convention to be held in St. Joseph on March 21, 1916, be instructed to give no proxies, and that those present be empowered to cast the entire vote of the delegation.

J. B. Burks, chairman of the committee on resolutions, in presenting them to the convention, made a stirring speech that was received with hearty applause and commendation.

B. H. Marbury was then called on for a speech, and in his forceful and impassioned manner, electrified the convention with one of the best political addresses ever delivered here, and his auditors showed by frequent demonstrations of applause their appreciation of his merits as a speaker.

Hon. Jasper N. Burks, the "old war horse" of many a political campaign, was ~~present~~ and was loudly called upon for a speech. He responded with his old characteristic earnestness, native wit and vigorous strokes showing that age had not doused the fire of his enthusiasm.

John L. Bradley was called for, but had left the convention a short time before, and lost that opportunity of presenting the claims of "the next State Auditor."

The convention then adjourned ~~seni die~~.

## The Republican County Convention

The Republicans held their County Convention last Tuesday at Flat River to elect delegates to their State Convention where the "big four" delegates to their National Convention are chosen, and to their Congressional District Convention which meets at DeSoto to elect their district delegates to the National Convention.

There was reported to be some little opposing sentiment among the local leaders to State Committeeman Politte Elvins, and there was a little quiet maneuvering, we understand, to put one over on him, but Politte is not one of the kind to be found napping on occasions of that kind, so the outcome was that the name of Politte Elvins looms up large as one of the county delegates to the State Convention. The list of delegates to the State Convention follows: E. A. Ro-

zier and Peter Giessing, Farmington; Don Cameron and Reed Bell, Flat River; Del Evans and U. S. G. Thompson, Bonne Terre; Politte Elvins, Carr Hartshorn and John Dinkins, Elvins and Randolph Township; Fred Oehler, Iron Township; and Albert Belken, Liberty Township.

A resolution was introduced indorsing George Stanfill of Bonne Terre for one of the district delegates to the National Convention and to allow him to name the delegates from this county to the DeSoto Convention, which elects the two delegates from the Thirteenth district. There was considerable opposition to allowing Mr. Stanfill to name his own delegates, but his side won out, so he will probably have an enthusiastic delegation back of him at DeSoto; if he doesn't it will be because of his own poor judgment.

## TREASURER'S SETTLEMENT

BALANCE ON HAND \$49,571.09

County Treasurer W. T. Halle made his annual settlement with the County Court last Thursday, which was approved. His settlement showed a total balance of \$49,571.09 in the several funds, as follows:

Total balance in the County revenue funds.....\$ 6,261.88  
Balance in County Road fund.....1,264.58  
Balance R. R. and Tel. and tax fund.....12,323.86  
Balance Criminal Cost and Inquest fund.....933.24  
Balance due various road districts.....8,030.88  
Balance due various school districts.....14,626.79  
Balance in capital county school fund.....1,357.53  
Balance in capital county school fund interest...1,999.31  
Balance in township school

funds.....689.92  
Balance in township school funds interest.....591.28  
Amount outstanding checks (general funds).....619.40  
Amount outstanding checks (county criminal cost fund).....380.40  
March 1, cash in bank.....510.52  
Total funds on hand....\$49,571.09

E. D. Turley of Coffman, Mo., who was formerly Collector for St. Francois county, was a Farmington visitor Friday, and many old friends were pleased to greet him. He made The Times office an appreciated call.

Quite a number of delegates and visitors from Bonne Terre, Desloge, and Flat River were in attendance at the County Convention Tuesday in Farmington. There was also a large delegation here from Flat River in attendance at the township meeting Saturday.

## WE MAKE OUR BOW

To the women of St. Francois County and give them all a most hearty and cordial invitation to attend our

Spring Millinery  
Opening

Saturday, March 18th

DENBY SISTERS

—AT—

THE ENTERPRISE